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Designating the month of August as “National Lighthouse Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAXTON (for himself, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. LAZIO, and Mr. HYDE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating the month of August as “National Lighthouse Month”.

Whereas lighthouses serve as symbols of the nautical heritage of this Nation;

Whereas President Washington signed the Lighthouse Act in 1789 which established a Federal role in the support, maintenance, and repair of all lighthouses, beacon buoys, and public piers necessary for safe navigation, commissioned the first Federal lighthouse, and represents the first public works Act in the young country;

Whereas the lighthouse played an integral role in the rich maritime history of the United States as that history

spread from the Atlantic coast, through the Great Lakes and the Gulf coast, to the Pacific States;

Whereas these impressive structures, standing at lands end through more than 2 centuries have symbolized safety, security, heroism, duty, and faithfulness;

Whereas architects, designers, engineers, builders, and keepers devoted, and in some cases, jeopardized, their lives for the safety of others;

Whereas the United States Coast Guard has completed the automation of all Coast Guard lights, concluding a rich, colorful, and significant chapter in American history;

Whereas this heritage is further threatened by neglect, vandalism, and deterioration by the elements; and

Whereas the many completed, ongoing, or planned private and public efforts to preserve lighthouses demonstrate the public support for these historic structures: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That the month of August is designated as “National
 4 Lighthouse Month”; that to the extent feasible, lighthouse
 5 grounds should be open to the general public; and the
 6 President is authorized and requested to issue a proclama-
 7 tion calling upon the people of the United States to ob-
 8 serve such a day with appropriate ceremonies and activi-
 9 ties.

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